Remarks

An amended set of claims is submitted in order to better conform to the restriction requirement of January 23, 2008, without necessarily acquiescing to the Examiner's determination arguments contained therein. The new claims are supported by the present specification and the original claims.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of any non-elected claim groups in one or more divisional applications. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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